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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 5.3 PERCENT IN JANUARY

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 16, 1988--Airline passenger traffic rose 5.3 percent in January, compared with the same month last year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in January increased 2.9 percent. Available seat miles registered a gain of 3.1 percent. The number of passengers rose to 29.4 million from 28.7 million a year ago, a 2.3 percent increase. The load factor was 54.7 percent, the same as in January of last year.

International passenger traffic of the U.S. airlines in January was up 14.3 percent. Available seat miles increased 13.3 percent, and passengers increased 12.1 percent to 2.7 million. The load factor was 62.0 percent, up from 61.4 percent in the same month of last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

JANUARY 1989 - 1988

	JANUARY		
	1988	1989	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC			
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	28,748	29,416	2.3
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	23,389,554	24,074,007	2.9
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	42,731,495	44,042,007	3.1
LOAD FACTOR (%)	54.7	54.7	
INTERNATIONAL			
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	2,438	2,734	12.1
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	6,260,888	7,158,706	14.3
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	10,195,716	11,554,540	13.3
LOAD FACTOR (%)	61.4	62.0	
TOTAL			
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	31,186	32,150	3.1
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	29,650,442	31,232,713	5.3
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	52,927,211	55,596,547	5.0
LOAD FACTOR (%)	56.0	56.2	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN,
NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD,
UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA,
ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, JET AMERICA,
MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST, AND TRANSTAR.